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After World War II, the Soviet Union organized two whaling flotillas: in 1946, the Slava flotilla, which operates in the Antarctic, and in 1947, the Kurile whaling flotilla, which is stationed at coastal points in the Kurile Islands.

Each year, the Slava flotilla (A. N. Purgin, captain-director, was awarded the title "Hero of Socialist Labor" in 1950) makes a trip, lasting over 7 months, from Odessa to the Antarctic. In March 1950, it successfully completed its fourth trip. The flotilla consists of 15 ships, including scientific research and auxiliary vessels.

Since Russians lacked experience in whale hunting, the Slava flotilla employed Norwegian harpooners and instructors during its first and second trips. These two trips (1946-47 and 1947-48) caught 1,210 whales and produced 15,466 tons of fat. The third and fourth trips (1948-49 and 1949-50), manned only by Russians, caught 2,681 whales which produced 29,737 tons of fat.

The Aleut flotilla in 1949 was extremely successful in the Kurile Islands. It caught 2,015 whales, primarily sperm whales, which is considerably more than catches of past years, and processed 10,000 tons of fat.

The Soviet Union has made considerable progress in its whale-catching industry. It now has a group of trained whale hunters, both in the Far East and in the Antarctic, who have a good grasp of the mechanics of catching and processing whales and are capable of fulfilling and even exceeding state tasks under any conditions.

Soviet technical engineers are introducing labor-saving methods and means of improving the catching and processing operations. High-quality whale-hunting equipment is being made. Whale bases and ships have trained mechanics who can do the most complicated repair work.

Soviet scientists and engineers have developed and put into operation new ways of obtaining vitamin A from whale liver.

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